

# SWAMP FOX SCENE



A FREE monthly news magazine for the citizens and visitors of the Swamp Fox City



### Annual Fox-trot Festival

Marion Foxtrot Festival has been scheduled for Saturday, May 18th!

It will kick off with a parade beginning at

10 a.m. Arts and crafts, food vendors, antique classic cars and tractors show, carnival rides and inflatables. Live music featuring The Pizazz Band! For more information, visit [www.marionfoxtrotfest.com](http://www.marionfoxtrotfest.com), or contact Regina Stanley, 843-206-4182 or email [marionfoxtrotfestival@gmail.com](mailto:marionfoxtrotfestival@gmail.com).

**Mark your calendar for May 18th . You don't want to miss it!!**

Come share in the fun, activities, music and food. A little something for everyone.

### Marion Baptist Church will host the celebration of National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 2nd

Rev. Adam Work extends a cordial invitation to all Pastors, Congregations, Elected Officials, Educators Protective Service and members of the public, to join in this special service at Marion Baptist Church. 106 S. Main Street. Marion, 7:00 p.m. This years theme is "Love One Another". Scripture – John 13:34. "Love one another, Just as I have loved you." Guest speaker will be Bishop Michael Blue.

**Organizing and planning committee members are Bishop Michael Blue, Karen Christmas, Rev. Adam Work and Pastor Jason Wallace.**

**For more information call Karen at 843-229-0260.**

### NO TIRES OR TELEVISIONS ON CURBSIDE



The City takes pride in keeping Historical Marion looking beautiful. With spring comes warmer weather and the grass-cutting season is quickly approaching. There are City Ordinances for over grown and vacant lots. If you

have any questions or concerns, you can contact City Hall at (843) 423-5961. In case you didn't know, **tires** or **televisions** placed curbside in the City of Marion are considered litter by City Ordinance. For health and safety reasons and in accordance with DHEC regulations, city employees no longer pick up **tires** or **televisions** at curbside. The fine for littering is **\$1,092.50**.



Homeowners are to dispose of unwanted tires and televisions at the **Palmetto Hardwood Recycle Center** located at **2631 Senator Gasque Rd, Marion SC**. Call the **Palmetto Hardwood Recycle Center at (843) 423-8284** for hours of operation. If you have any questions about this reminder, please call the City Administrator at Marion City Hall, (843) 423-5961. Property owners in the Historic District, please be aware of the zoning ordinances and guidelines that are in place before any changes are made to historic properties. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at (843) 423-5961. We are here to help. So please let work together and in keeping our City looking beautiful.

### HMRA 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

*Annual Meeting*  
**Celebrating Marion's Rich History**

*Saturday, May 4, 2019*  
**6 pm**  
*Rosewood Manor House*

Come out for an all inclusive night of food, drinks, music, and fun for a worthwhile cause. Limited tickets available. Call 843.423.9918 to purchase.

**HMRA**  
 HISTORIC MARION  
 REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION

Marion Chamber of Commerce announces Yard of the Month



Mr. & Mrs. Greg Black of 306 E. Northside Avenue Street have been awarded the Marion Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Month for April 2019. The Chamber is proud to recognize those in our community that work so diligently, and add so much to our community's unique character. The Black's will receive a Marion Chamber of Commerce Chamber Check in recognition of this honor.

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

Every Tuesday in May, from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Marion Library will be offering **Lego Free Play time to kids ages 4 and up.** Toddlers are welcome to play with the larger sized Duplo "legos" locat-

ed in the children's section.

**May 2nd** - 7:00 p.m. - **National Day of Prayer.** Marion Baptist Church, 106 S. Main Street, Marion. For more information contact Ms. Karen Christmas at (843) 229-0260.

**May 3rd** - The library's book club - **Let's Read Y'All** - will meet Friday at 1:00 in the South Carolina Room.

**May 4th** - HMRA Annual Meeting & Membership Drive. Rosewood Manor House.. 6:00 p.m. **Limited tickets available.** For more information please contact Stephanie Rizzo, Executive Director ,Historic Marion Revitalization Association at (843) 423-9918.

**May 6th** - 6:00 p.m. **Marion Library's Craft and Chat** . Craft program for adults. Come make seed packets to take home free wildflower seeds in!

**May 6th** - 9:30 a.m. Come join us at the Mullins Library, as they close out the school year with their Storytime for ages birth to five!

**May 7th** - 6:30 p.m. **City Council Meeting**, Council Chambers.

**May 9th** - 9:30 a.m. Preschoolers and their caregivers are invited to attend Preschool Storytime at **Marion Library.**

**May 11th** - Join us at 11:00 a.m. at the Mullins Library for Adult Craft & Chat

**May 14th** - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **Shred Day**, Behind Baxley's Hardware. (Parking Lot)

**May 16th** - Join us at 4:00 p.m. at the Mullins Library for Family Crafternoon.

**May 18th - 27th Annual FoxTrot Festival** - For more information, visit [marionfox-trotfestival@gmail.com](mailto:marionfox-trotfestival@gmail.com) or contact Regina Stanley at 843-206-4182 or email [rstan-101@gmail.com](mailto:rstan-101@gmail.com)

**May 18th - Relay for Life Color Run** - For more information, please contact Ms. Dana Graham at 843-254-0412 or email [dmcgraham78@yahoo.com](mailto:dmcgraham78@yahoo.com)

**May 20th** - 9:30 a.m. Come join us at the Mullins Library, as they close out the school year with their Storytime for ages birth to five!

**May 21st** - 6:00 p.m. **Team Meeting.** Relay for Life. MUSC-Marion.

**May 22** - 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. **Marion Library** will be hosting Read With a Ladybug. Children of all ages are welcome to join in the fun as we have a ladybug-themed afternoon story time with **LIVE** ladybugs and a lady bug-themed craft!

**May 27th - Memorial Day - City and County offices Closed.** City of Marion will reopen on Tuesday, May 28th at 8:00 a.m.

**May 31st - United States Air Force Heritage of America Band** is hosting a FREE concert at the Marion Opera House located at 109 W. Godbold Street, Marion SC, 7:00 P.M.

**NEED HELP?**

Call **City Hall, 843-423-5961**, unless otherwise noted, and one of the following will be able to help you.

- Mayor Ashley Brady**, (843) 992-3773
- Alan Ammons**, City Administrator & Building Official, Ext. 19
- Ainsley Sanders**, City Clerk, Ext. 10
- Patricia Brown**, City Treasurer, Ext. 18
- Elizabeth Gray**, Personnel & Purchasing Director, (843) 423-8614
- Vickie J. Nichols**, Grant Writing & Publicist, Ext. 22
- Cliff Wilbanks**, Recreation Director, (843) 423-5410
- Randy Brown**, Maintenance Superintendent (843) 423-5961
- Winkie Fore**, Public Works Superintendent (843) 423-8648
- Tony Flowers**, Police Chief (843) 423-8616
- Chris Smith**, Captain (843) 423-8616
- Lt. Marilyn Rogers**, Investigator (843) 423-8616
- Sgt. Derrick Smith**, Investigator (843) 423-8616
- Trey Cooper**, Fire Chief, (843) 423-8602
- Jackie Yates**, Assistant Fire Chief (843) 423-8602
- Heather Evans**, Municipal Court Clerk, (843) 423-8616
- Almeta Mullins**, Victim Advocate / Administrative Assistant, (843) 423-8616

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The Marion Chamber and HMRA help pay printing costs.

A PDF version is available by e-mail or online. For more information about the newspaper, call Mayor Ashley Brady or City Administrator Alan Ammons at (843) 423-5961.

**SHRED DAY—2019**

The Chamber of Commerce will have their annual shred day on May 14, 2019 from 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. behind Baxley Hardware (parking lot).

4 boxes per household or business. **NO COST.** Chamber will accept donations toward their 2019 Educational Programs.

Thanks to First Charter Company and Wheeler Street Package Store.

Come out and bring all your old tax papers.

**"What's up, Marion County?"**



In an effort to keep everyone informed and in the loop between the City of Marion, Marion County, and our community, Marion County Progress, Inc. has developed an online Shared Calendar. All Marion County events can be found on ONE calendar! Check it out, download the app, and find out "what's up" in Marion County! <https://teamup.com/ksrasvo1p1d3dkyrix>. Keep on top what's happening in Marion County. For any questions, please contact Hillary Johnson, Administrative Assistant for Marion County Economic Development at (843) 423-8235 or email [hjohnson@marionsc.org](mailto:hjohnson@marionsc.org)

### Backpack Buddies



The Backpack Buddy Program of Marion County received a generous donation from Marion Chamber Member, the Robert E. Lee Law Firm located off main street here in the City of Marion. After learning of

this worthwhile program at the Marion Chamber Annual Meeting, Attorney Robert Lee and Pam Jordan, Senior Paralegal/Firm Manager, felt this was a cause that they needed to support.

On March 27, 2019, Pam presented Sydney Hooks, President of the Backpack Buddy Program a check for \$500.00 to assist with purchasing much needed supplies for children in need in this county. We thank the Robert E. Lee Law Firm for its generous donation and for supporting worthwhile causes in Marion County.

### Michael Abrams is city's employee of the Month



Each month, the City of Marion awards an employee with the honor of Employee of the Month. The employee is chosen based on his or her performance during the month. While many nominations are submitted for the outstanding work city employees do, only one person whose accomplishments were far above and beyond the parameters of their job is selected. The Mayor and

City Council are proud to honor recipients with this award and thank all employees for the exceptional work they do on a daily basis for the City and the citizens of Marion. Michael Abram was selected as the March 2019 Employee of the Month. Mike has been employed with the City of Marion Public Works Department since October 2018. Mayor Ashley Brady and City Council recognized Michael Abram for his service and dedication to the City of Marion at the April 9<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

To all of Marion Community, you are always welcome to get a hot meal every Monday from 11-12 at the **Marion Baptist** Soup Kitchen. There is no cost to come to this.

**Greater Mullins Chamber of Commerce** will have their Annual Golf Tournament on May 8, 2019. For more information contact Michelle Rogers, Executive Director at (843) 464-6651.

### Caregiver support group meeting

TLC Your Way Home Care Services is host a caregiver support group meeting for all family members and friends that care for people with dementia related diseases. The meeting will be hosted by TLC Your Way Home Care Services, Ms. Natalia Feely. The group will meet at 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. every second Saturday of the month at MUSC Health Marion Medical Center, classroom A. Please RSVP by the Wednesday before the meeting. For information call (843) 423-1888.

Questions or to share information for the Swamp Fox Scene, please email [vnichols@marionsc.gov](mailto:vnichols@marionsc.gov) or call (843) 423-5961.

### Arbor Day Names Marion Tree City USA

Marion, was named a 2018 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Forest service and the National Association of State Foresters.

“Everyone benefits when elected officials, volunteers and committed citizens in communities like Marion make smart investments in urban forests,” said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “Trees bring shade to our homes and beauty to our neighborhoods, along with numerous economic, social and environmental benefits.”

Cleaner air, improved storm water management, energy saving and increased property values and commercial activity are among the benefits enjoyed by Tree City USA communities.

The Arbor Day Foundation is a million member nonprofit conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees.

### A-TEAM NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH “WE ARE OUR NEIGHBORS’ KEEPERS” Contributed by: Dolly Boyer

Hello from A-team. I know I have written about the speeding issue numerous times, but it continues to be a serious problem. In the last two weeks, I have witnessed a school bus and a delivery truck speeding and rolling through stop signs. When I complain about speeding I am not talking about a mile or two over the posted speed limit. One day someone is going to be badly injured or killed. My family has been personally impacted by traffic accidents in years past, one ending in a fatality. It is a trauma that you never completely recover from. Arriving a minute or two earlier is not worth the risk. We often feel we have no control over what happens in our town. I assure you obeying the speed limit, is something we can each do to improve the quality of life in Marion on our own. It doesn't take the assistance of the Mayor, Council, and Police, neighbors or fellow citizens. Please, obey the posted speed limits and encourage others to do the same. You may save a life! A-Team meets the first Monday of each month @ 6:30 PM in the Firehouse on East Bond St. Please, join us and bring a friend or neighbor. Be part of making Marion safer. We have interesting speakers and you can learn a lot about our town.

Be part of the solution, not the problem. For more information, call Dolly @ 843-433-0941.

### Yard Sale Permits

With all the great weather, yard sales will be popping up all over town. Remember to purchase your permit (**\$5 per day at City Hall Monday thru 12:00 noon Thursday**). **YARD SALE PERMITS WILL NOT BE ISSUED AFTER 12:00 ON THURSDAY. “ABSOLUTELY” no Yard sale permits are issued on Fridays.**



### ask? **Ask about suicide** to save a life

Wednesday, May 29, 2019  
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Academy of Careers & Technology  
FREE SEMINAR  
Open to everyone. We encourage professionals that work with you in any capacity to come!

Presented by the South Carolina Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative.  
**Hosted by Marion County Sheriff's Office**

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
**HERITAGE of AMERICA BAND**  
 JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS, VIRGINIA

**FRIDAY, MAY 31**  
 Concert begins at 7:00 pm

Marion Opera House  
 109 W Godbold St  
 Marion SC 29571



**FREE CONCERT**

Featuring the world's finest active duty musicians performing modern woodwind compositions and classic favorites for audiences of all ages

[www.heritageofamericaband.af.mil](http://www.heritageofamericaband.af.mil)

Heritage Winds is the woodwind quintet component of the United States Air Force Heritage of America Band at Langley AFB, VA. As professional Airman-musicians, the members of Heritage Winds are dedicated to using the power of music to honor our veterans, inspire patriotism, communicate the Air Force story, and recruit those who are interested in serving our nation.

Heritage Winds offers innovative programming that covers a wide array of musical styles. The ensemble embraces the full range of the quintet repertoire, while also exploring various instrument combinations. The creative use of ensemble and instrumentation, combined with new arrangements and compositions, ensures that Heritage Winds provides audiences with a unique concert experience.

**Life Guards Needed**

The City of Marion Recreation Department is looking for certified life guards for the 2019 season. Anyone interested, please contact The Athletic Director **Frank Page** at (843) 289-1270.

The City of Marion is a drug-free work environment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, religion, national origin, race, disability of political affiliation.

**The 3rd Annual Fox84 Initiative 5k Fun Run/Walk**



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENTS  
 FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
 FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

**5K FUN RUN WALK 2019**

THE 3RD ANNUAL FOX84 INITIATIVE 5K FUN RUN / WALK

**May 4, 2019**  
**Register Now!**

[www.wizathon.com/fox84-initiative-5k/](http://www.wizathon.com/fox84-initiative-5k/)



The Fox84 Initiative for Boys will be hosting their community-staged Third Annual Fox84 Initiative 5K Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, May 4, 2019. This event is sanctioned and sponsored by the City of Marion and by Danny White of RMS Race Management Systems. RMS is a USATF/RRTC National Race Certifier and a Certifier for the South Carolina Region. This year, we anticipate over 160 walkers and runners along with vendors, food trucks and entertainment. All registered walkers and Runners will receive a **Runners Swag Bag**, a super soft tri-blend t-shirt with race logo and a Fox84 Initiative **5K Fun Run finisher medal**. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place medals for all divisions, to include medals and trophies for the overall Male and Female runner with the top times.

Participants are encouraged to register on-line at [www.wizathon.com/fox84-initiative-5k/](http://www.wizathon.com/fox84-initiative-5k/) (this will minimize long lines and wait time on race day)

- Same-Day Registration will begin at 7:30 AM
- The Walk/Run will began at 9:00 AM
- Awards for division winners will be at 11:00 AM

There will be performances by: Hometown great and renowned vocalist Kathy Grice and The Johnakin Middle School Flippin' Foxes and others.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Christopher Shelvin at (704)249-6199; or Danny White, [www.RMSsports.com](http://www.RMSsports.com).

ENTRY FEES	ADULT 18-64	KIDS 9-17	SENIORS 65+
JAN - MAR 28	\$ 25	\$ 10	\$ 20
MAR 29 - APR 28	\$ 30	\$ 10	\$ 25
APR 29 - MAY 4	\$ 35	\$ 10	\$ 30

Team Registration is \$25 per person, Kid Teams are \$10 per person

**TO REGISTER**

- ✓ Online registration is open until Friday, May 3, 2019, at 11:59 PM [www.wizathon.com/fox84-initiative-5k/](http://www.wizathon.com/fox84-initiative-5k/)
- ✓ In-person registration only available on Saturday, May 4, 2019

All participants will receive an official Fox84 Initiative 5K Fun Run T-Shirt and a finisher medal to commemorate a job well done! This year's runner shirt will be a soft cotton t-shirt. If you prefer a loose fit or are in between sizes, we recommend sizing up. Shirts are guaranteed for those pre-registered by April 29, 2019. If you would like to switch your shirt size, a shirt will be offered on race day (Saturday, May 4, 2019, 7:30 AM) while supplies last.

**TEAM CHALLENGE**

Our 3rd Annual Fox84 Initiative Team Challenge allows area businesses and community groups to compete for recognition as the Marion County Organization most committed to healthy living and social responsibility in 2019. Teams earn points for runner and volunteer participation, team spirit, and giving back. A minimum of 7 runners/walkers is required for the team challenge.

**RACE FOR A REASON**

In its 3rd year, the Fox84 Initiative for Boys Mentorship Program continues to celebrate healthy competition while giving back to the community. With the community's support, last year's race raised nearly \$8,000, enabling us to take 10 deserving young men on a 4 Day trip to Washington DC. This year's campaign is geared towards raising money for a trip to New York City, we ask for your support as we continue to nurture the potential of teens, promote healthy living, foster a sense of social responsibility and strengthen the foundation of the community.

For More Information, Check us out on

[www.thefox84initiative.com](http://www.thefox84initiative.com)  
 Facebook: [Facebook: Facebook.com/thefox84initiative/](https://www.facebook.com/thefox84initiative/)  
 Twitter: <https://twitter.com/fox84initiative>

FOR THE CONTINUED SUPPORT, A SPECIAL THANKS GOES OUT TO THE CITY OF MARION SC AND MARION COUNTY SCHOOLS

**Marion 12U Boys State Champions**



On Saturday, March 9, 2019, the Marion Recreation 12U Boys Basketball Team had the pleasure of bringing home, for the second year in a row, the State Champions Trophy.

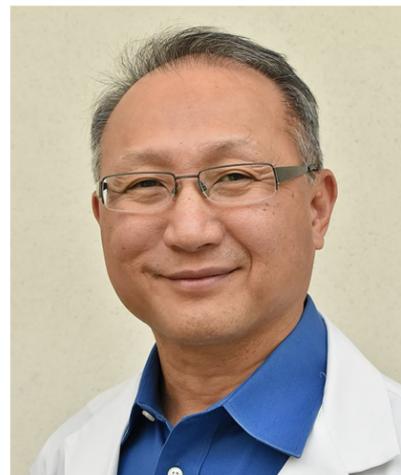
Marion played and

defeated North Strand 52-29 to advance to the state championship game and Liberty defeated Moncks Corner 51-46 to advance to the State Championship game. Marion defeated Liberty 47-42 to win the 12U Boys Basketball State Championship.



The 12 U Boys State Basketball Champions were recognized by Mayor Ashley Brady and the Marion City Council at the April 2019 regular City Council Meeting. Congratulations to all these young men and their coaches. The Marion Recreation Department is so proud of them. They have all worked hard and dedicated many hours in order to claim the title.

**MUSC Health Marion Welcomes Dr. Daniel Ng**



**MARION** – The Medical University of South Carolina Marion Medical Center would like to welcome Cardiologist Dr. Daniel Ng. He has joined MUSC Health – Cardiology - Marion Medical Park at Marion Medical Center.

Dr. Ng received his medical degree at American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine and completed both his residency and fellowship at Seton Hall University. He is board-certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and the Certification Board of Nuclear Cardiology. Dr. Ng comes to MUSC Health with more than 23 years of cardiology experience in permanent and temporary pacemakers, transesophageal echocardiograms (TEE), echocardiograms, stress nuclear studies, CVP placement, intra-balloon pump insertion, pericardiocentesis, and interpretation of ankle brachial index, venous ultrasound, arterial and carotid ultrasound. Dr. Daniel Ng is accepting new patients at his practice, MUSC Health – Cardiology, in the Marion Medical Park, 2835 East Highway 76, Suite 5, in Mullins, SC. For more information call (843) 431-2171 or visit [MUSChealth.org/marion](http://MUSChealth.org/marion)

**Marion County Healthcare Foundation Grant**



Historic Marion Revitalization Association is proud to announce the acceptance of a \$75,000 grant from the Marion County Healthcare Foundation. HMRA employed MPA Strategies based out of Columbia, South Carolina to assist with the grant writing process. The grant, which spans a total of three years, will contribute a total of \$45,000 to the Façade Grant Program, \$15,000 to the Signage and Paint Program, and \$15,000 for marketing and promotions. HMRA's mission is to improve the historic appearance and economic vitality of the Historic District in Marion, South Carolina. "This is a huge leap in the right direction for HMRA and our Historic District. I am so proud of the hard work and dedication of our board members and HMRA supporters for what we have accomplished thus far, and I look forward to what is to come for our town. The forward momentum is palpable and contagious," says Executive Director, Stephanie Rizzo. For more information about HMRA, visit [www.theswampfox.org](http://www.theswampfox.org) or find them on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

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